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### **Patents**

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- 2. United States Patent No. 4,094,442, issued June 13, 1978, entitled "Napkin Dispenser", of *J.R. Radek*;
- 3. United States Patent No. 4,311,252, issued January 19, 1982, entitled "Napkin Dispenser", of S.N. Hope, Jr., et al.;
- 4. United States Patent No. 4,343,415, issued August 10, 1982, entitled "Napkin Dispenser", of *J.R. Radek*;
- 5. United States Patent No. 4,679,703, issued July 14, 1987, entitled "Device for Preventing Napkins from Bunching at the Dispensing Opening in a Paper Napkin Dispenser", of *R.F. De Luca*;
- 6. United States Patent No. 4,838,454, issued June 13, 1989, entitled "Napkin Dispenser", of *F.F. Salzmann et al.*;
- 7. United States Patent No. 5,931,339, issued August 3, 1999, entitled "Process and Appartus for Dispensing Paper Towels", of B.E. Dodge et al.;
- 8. United States Patent No. 5,950,863, issued September 14, 1999, entitled "Sheet Dispenser Insert", of *R.W. Shutz et al*;
- 9. United States Patent No. 6,003,723, issued December 21, 1999, entitled "Large Capacity Towel Dispenser, of *M. Morand*; and
- 10. U.S. Design Patent No. Des. 430,764, issued September 12, 2000, entitled "Dispenser", of S. Conran et al.

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2. WIPO Publication WO 98/22009, published May 28, 1998, entitled "Interfolded Napkin Dispensing System, of M.Y. Chan et al.

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